

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H.3104**

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TO:	The Honorable Phillip D. Owens, Chairman, House Education and Public Works Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	SC College and University Board of Regents		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

This Bill amends the Code of Laws by adding chapter 110 to Title 59 so as to establish the South Carolina College and University Board of Regents effective July 1, 2009. The Bill further provides for the membership, powers, duties and responsibilities of the Board of Regents while devolving the powers, duties and responsibilities of the State Commission on Higher Education (CHE) and the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education (SBTCE) upon the Board.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Commission on Higher Education (CHE) and State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education (SBTCE) indicate enactment would result in the direct need for an additional six support positions primarily in the areas of finance, facilities support and legal services. However, three management positions, including one Executive Director position, could be eliminated. In addition, this Bill creates a 15 member Board of Regents which is eleven fewer members than the existing number of Board members at both CHE and SBTCE. The net first year impact associated with these additional costs and savings is estimated at approximately \$2,000.

FY 2008-09 mid-year budget reductions applied to administration and support functions at CHE and SBTCE is approximately \$3.5 million. CHE and SBTCE indicate that in order to adequately support the Board of Regents and its additional responsibilities the funding level that existed prior to FY 2008-09 should be attained.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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